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SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1878.

Local Affairs.

Furniture brought fair prices at Rice's sale, Wednesday last.

Sam Sanford is coming with "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Only nine days till moving time; and then comes the trouble with the stove-pipe.

That distressing malady, "spring fever," will soon break out in our midst.

During the pleasant afternoons and evenings of the past week many promenaders were on our streets.

Mr. George Mabrey, late with Ellison & Bro. of this town, is now traveling for a Philadelphia hardware house.

To give or not to give—the basket away with the peaches, is a question that is now being agitated by the Deawore growers.

On account of the storm, Mrs. Alden's recital, which was billed for Tuesday evening, was postponed until Friday evening.

The pavement on the south side of Main Street, below Maxwell's Hotel, is not a success in wet weather.

There was a perfect overflow of commercial perambulators in Middletown during the early part of this week.

Rev. T. E. Martindale, pastor of the M. E. Church of this town, has been re-elected Secretary of the Wilmington Annual Conference, now in session at Chestertown, Md.

Three traveling ministers passed through town on Wednesday. The first we saw of them were playing "The Sweet by and by," in front of Cox & Bro's. Carriage factory.

The handkerchief man ("five for a quarter") mounted a goods box in front of Maxwell's Hotel, Tuesday last, and drove a thriving business for some time. Then the boys drove him.

A Smyrna man wants to purchase some of those four-legged-a-day hens of Alex. Maxwell's, but that gentleman positively refused to part with any of them until after Easter Sunday.

Work upon the numerous new buildings now being erected in Middletown is progressing rapidly. A number of new buildings not yet noticed in these columns are, we understand, to be commenced about the 25th inst.

Edward Haynard, colored, was brought before Squire Naudain on Wednesday last, accused of stealing from Martin E. Walker, on the previous night, six chickens and a lot of meat. Edward pleaded "not guilty," but the Squire considered the evidence sufficient to send him up to New Castle in default of \$100 bail.

The new board of town commissioners met and organized, Tuesday evening last. Edward W. Lockwood was elected President and Jos. Hanson Secretary. Wm. R. Rothwell was appointed town policeman and lamp-lighter. We are informed that the new board means business in the way of improvements on streets, sidewalks, crossings, etc.

On account of the severe storm, Tuesday last, Messrs. Fox & Cochran's Sixth Annual Sale was postponed until Monday, the 18th inst. They have made several additions to their extensive stock, and the sale will be one of the largest ever held in Middletown. Farmers who are in need of good live stock will find this the accepted time to purchase.

Do not forget the grand concert under the auspices of Damon Lodge, K. of P. of this town, which is billed for the Town Hall Tuesday evening next. The Philadelphia artists engaged for this entertainment possess rare musical talent and culture. The programme is quite long and portends an evening of great enjoyment to those who attend.

A runaway horse attached to a derrick, came into town at a tearing speed on Thursday. The negro driver sat in the rear end of the wagon ready to take the matter into his own hands. The horse attempted to enter Captain Pennington's gate (to his home), but the gate being partly closed, he turned out again, grazing the bulk window of Chamberlain's drug store, which was a narrow escape for the driver. The horse was finally caught by Ash Pennington.

J. Prescott Eldridge, the "American Reclutist," will give his "Thalassic and Melopoeonic" (whatever that is) carnival in the Town Hall, Friday evening, 22d inst. Mr. Eldridge is highly recommended by the Press of the country, and we have no doubt but that his "Mousonian Banquet" will be a very entertaining affair. The programme will embrace Dramatic Impromptus, Character Representations, Classic Recitals, etc., together with an hour of Music. Wm. and Humor entitled "Psychological Science." A novel feature of the entertainment will be the awarding of a premium to the homeliest old bachelor in the Hall. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

Bent on Matrimony.

A young Stanton couple, thinking it not wise to live alone in this time of tears, recently resolved on matrimony, but the cruel ascension of the female party to the contract vetoed the measure, as cruel ancestors frequently do, and requested the young man ere to tarry beyond the suburbs of the domicile. But love laughs at such ancestors, as well as locksmen, and so the lovers lived to Chester, Sunday last, for the purpose of consummating the union, but, arriving there at late an hour to have the matter adjusted, they stepped at Appleby's hotel to wait the morn. The morn came and so did the aforesaid cruel ancestors, even before the girl had had time to put her back hair in presentable shape, and the couple were taken to Wilmington, where they were, for a short time, confined in the City Hall. The old folks caught the young man with abduction, but, as the girl had been more than willing, the Squire couldn't perceive it in that light, and the case was discharged. Then the cruel maternal progenitor suggested the house of Correction for her willful daughter, the willful daughter melted in tears, and the curtain dropped. Act 2d. in due time.

Priest, Jones & Co., of Wilmington, are building a splendid steamer for Capt. Taggart, to take the place on the Delaware of the *Ard*, lately sold to a southern line. The new steamer will be of great speed and will be luxurious in its fittings.

The Anniversary.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large number of persons assembled in the M. E. Church, Monday evening last, to witness the Anniversary exercises of the M. E. Sabbath School Missionary Society. The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion and the tasteful and neat arrangement of evergreens, flowers, birds and shrubbery reflected great credit upon those who performed this duty. In the rear of the pulpit platform was placed a white block inscribed with the name of our Saviour and supporting an anchor formed of evergreens. In the rear of this, and immediately above it, was this inscription: "Which hope we have is an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." Above this, in large evergreen letters, was inscribed: "The world is my Parish."

At the front of the platform stood a white cross entwined with evergreen, over which was sprung a beautiful evergreen arch, reaching from the posts on either side of the platform. At the top of this arch hung a banner bearing these words: "The Heavens our Heritage." A tasteful and lavish display of flowers and evergreens on either side of the platform added greatly to the attractiveness of the scene, while a number of canaries in cages placed round the room, sent forth glad and joyous strains of song to enliven the occasion. This was a fitting prelude to the songs of praise which were sung to follow from human hearts. At 7:30 o'clock the classes, under the leadership of their several teachers, filed quietly into the room and occupied seats reserved for them, which was indeed a very large portion of the main floor of the church. When all were seated and the "hush of silence reigned supreme," the Superintendent tapped his bell, which was a signal for the opening chorus, "O Praise the Lord," sung by the school in excellent time.

A short prayer by the pastor then followed, after which, the primary department sang the chorus, "Let them come unto Me," Mrs. Massey, Miss Linton and Miss Lingo, at the head of this department, deserve great credit for the manner in which those little "hubs of promise" acquitted themselves. Each exercise, during which Miss Lingo presided at the organ.

"Sad Tidings," a dialogue between the superintendent and school, on the fall of man, was next on the programme, and was followed by a quartette, "Saviour, Comfort me," which was beautifully rendered by Messrs. Pennington, Jump and Leatherbury and Messrs. Price and Styles. Next, was "Glad Tidings," a dialogue between the pastor and superintendent in reference to the birth of a Redeemer. This was followed by a solo and chorus, "The Angelic Choir," beautifully rendered by the choir. "Redemptive Tidings" followed, which was another dialogue giving an account of the redemption of man, after which came the chorus, "Joyously Sing," by the school. "Sending the Tidings" came next, and was a most important part of the exercises. Each class, upon being called by the superintendent, arose, repeating a passage from the Scriptures, and sent a messenger forward with a tribute, in the shape of the contribution of the class enclosed in an envelope.

At the conclusion of this exercise, the quartette, "As a Shepherd," was sung by the choir, followed by the beautiful chorus, "The Wonderful River," sung by the school.

New came the most beautiful and impressive part of the exercises. The little girls of the primary department had withdrawn to the lecture room after the exercise of "Sending the Tidings," and when this part of the programme was reached, they re-entered the room, each wearing a sash on which was printed in gilt letters the name of the country represented, and each bearing a small sheet of paper. Filling up the aisle, the little girls took their places in line upon the platform, and each representative, upon being called upon by the superintendent, stepped forward with a greeting and placed her little sheet at the foot of the cross. The replies from the different representatives were as follows: India, "For Jesus"; China, "China welcomes the Gospel"; Japan, "The isles wait for thy law"; Bulgaria, "Thy gospel comes to us"; Germany, "Germany remembers Luther"; Scandinavia, "Norway, Denmark and Sweden send christian greetings"; Africa, "Africa stretches out her hands to God"; Italy, "Italy turns from priestcraft to Christ"; Mexico, "Mexico is eager for the Gospel"; South America, "Welcomes the truth"; Home Missions, "Enlightened under the Cross." As the last sheet was deposited on the foot of the cross, a golden cross descended from the evergreen arch to the top of it, while the sheaves were bound to the foot of it, with the girle of "faith," after which, that grand chorus, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung by the school.

Next followed a quartette, "Jubilate," neatly rendered by the choir, at the close of which, the Rev. Mr. Martindale, pastor of the church, informed the assembly that the most interesting part of the programme had been reached. "The word indicating the part," he said, "you will perceive is in plain English and not in Latin or Greek. The word is 'collection,' and we take it up not because we need any more money for this cause at present, but because it is customary, and because we have some expenses in preparation for the Anniversary." The collection was then taken, after which the school joined in the singing of the chorus, "Who will reply?"

The Secretary's report was next in order and gave a very flattering account of the condition of Bethesda M. E. Sabbath School, and a good showing for the support of both Foreign and Home Missions. Mr. G. E. Hukill, the Secretary, read the report from which we have space to give only a few extracts. The highest numbers 31 officers and teachers and 224 scholars. Highest attendance during the year, 211; lowest attendance 60. Highest amount raised for the Missionary cause by any class, as follows: Missions, \$45.78; Home support, \$9.33; total, \$55.00. The next highest class on the list, contributed for Missions, \$41.00; Home support, \$14.45; total, \$55.45. The contribution of the Primary department amounted to \$14.79. The lowest contribution by any class was \$1.65. The aggregate amount raised was for Missions, \$206.40; Home support, \$152.27; total, \$358.67; which, in these hard times, is certainly a goodly amount for a Sabbath School to raise for its Missionary cause. We understand this is the highest amount ever raised by this Sabbath School.

At the conclusion of the reading of the report by the Secretary, the chorus, "The Kingdom Coming," was sung, after which the superintendent called upon Mr. Martindale for an address. He responded by saying he would repeat an address which he gave on a former occasion of the kind, which was as follows: "Parents, teachers, scholars and friends, just before the school closed, I addressed 'this' would be the school to-night, but there was one thing he desired to call attention to. He was well aware that many persons who did not look favorably upon the Missionary cause were under the impression, or expressed the idea that it cost the greater portion of this money to send it to the missionary fields, or, in other words, that it cost nine-tenths cents to send the other to the field. This was altogether a mistaken idea. For he had reliable information that the whole expense of sending this money was but three per cent, or three cents out of each dollar. In conclusion, Mr. Martindale called attention to the fact that

during the past year death had not entered this school nor taken a scholar or teacher therefrom.

The chant, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by" was next sung by the choir, after which was sung the "doxology," and the Rev. Dr. Patton pronounced the benediction.

The systematic drill of the numerous classes, and the ready and distinct responses of the scholars, showed careful training at the hands of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Martindale, and Superintendent Cox, and the various teachers under their guidance and direction. The singing by the choir was entirely satisfactory, and the members of which displayed rare musical talent and training. The organ accompaniments were rendered by Miss Pennington and Mr. R. L. Price.

The children of course considered the Anniversary a "grand, good time," the pastor, superintendent and teachers were no doubt delighted with the manner in which their little charges acquitted themselves, while the parents and friends were more than delighted with the beautiful and instructive exercises. But we have one thing to complain of—a reporter must always find fault with something, and we must needs look elsewhere for our cause of complaint, and that cause is: want of proper ventilation in the room! We cannot speak for the main floor of the church, but in the gallery, every seat of which was occupied, the temperature would have been almost suffocating to a salamander while nearly all the windows in this portion of the church were closed. How long will people continue to shut out God's pure air from the sanctuaries?

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